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"THE FATAL WITNESS"

THANKS FER
 STOPPING BY, LASH!
 IT'S NICE TO SEE A ROVING
 MARSHAL, EVEN THOUGH
 EVERYTHING'S PEACEFUL
 IN TOWN!

SO LONG, SHERIFF! I'M ON
 MY WAY TO BLOODY GAP
 NOW! I'LL DROP BY THE
 NEXT TIME I'M IN THIS
 VICINITY!

MEANWHILE, A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...

LOOK, SUZY, DRIVING A
 STAGECOACH IS NO JOB
 FER A LADY! WHY DON'T
 YUH MARRY ME AND
 SETTLE DOWN?

THERE'S NOTHING
 WRONG WITH HONEST
 LABOR FOR MAN OR
 WOMAN! BESIDES...

...I'D RATHER WITNESS
 MY OWN FUNERAL THAN
 MARRY A SADDLE TRAMP
 LIKE YOU, DRIFTER!
 YOU NEVER DID AN
 HONEST DAY'S WORK
 IN YOUR LIFE!

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 HIM,
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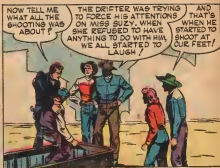
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SHORTLY AFTER AT THE HILLSIDE VALLEY SMITHY'S SHOP JUST OUTSIDE OF TOWN...

THAT'S NO SENSE IN YORE STOPPING HYAR, DRIFTER! IF YORE AIMING FOR ME TO SHOE YORE HORSE ON CREDIT, THE ANSWER IS NO!



ALL I WANT, SMITHY, IS TO SLEEP IN YORE ATTIC FER A FEW DAYS UNTIL I CAN FIND A JOB AND RAISE SOME MONEY!

THE ANSWER'S STILL NO! IF I WAIT FER YUH TO GET A JOB, YUH'LL NEVER MOVE OUT! BEAT IT!



I THOUGHT FER SURE THE SMITHY WOULD BE OUT FER LUNCH NOW OR I NEVER WOULD HAVE SHOWED UP HYAR AT THIS TIME!

SMITHY DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT I DISCOVERED A WAY TO SNEAK INTO HIS ATTIC FROM THE BACK OF THE SHACK!



ALL I HOPE IS THAT NAG OF MINE KEEPS QUIET OR HE'LL GIVE ME AWAY!



NOW TO TAKE OFF THESE WET DUDS AND THEN TO TRY TO THINK OF SOME WAY TO MAKE SUZY CHANGE HER MIND ABOUT ME!

LATER, AT THE BLOODY GAP JAILHOUSE...

HI THERE, LASH! WHAT BRINGS YUH TO THIS NECK OF THE WOODS?



JUST A ROUTINE CHECK, SHERIFF GORMLEY! HOW ARE THINGS GOING?

THAT'S NOT ENOUGH TO KEEP ME BUSY, BUT I'M PLEASED TO SEE YUH ANYHOW! C'MON INSIDE AND CHAT AWHILE!



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THINGS ARE NOT ACTUALLY AS QUIET AS THE SHERIFF THINKS, FOR AT THAT MOMENT, AT THE HILTON GOLD MINE...

SOON AS I MAKE UP THE PAYROLL, I'LL BE ABLE TO GO HOME... ULR!

JUST HAND OVER THAT MONEY, HILTON! AND THERE'LL BE NO TROUBLE!



CAMEO JOE!

A BRAVE GUY, HUH? NOW THAT YUH KNOW ME...



...YUH GIVE ME NO CHOICE BUT TO KILL YUH! BETTER CLEAR OUT BEFORE SOMEONE COMES TO INVESTIGATE THE SHOOTIN'!



I RECKON THE SMART THING TO DO IS BURY THIS MONEY FOR A FEW DAYS, 'TIL I'M SURE EVERYTHING'S QUIET... AND I KNOW JUST THE PLACE!



UNTIL THEY STOP LOOKIN' FER HILTON'S KILLER, IT WOULDN'T BE SAFE FER ME TO BE TOTIN' THIS MONEY!



BUT CAMEO JOE'S AIM WAS AS BAD! AS HIS EVIL HEART...

LUCKY CAMEO'S SHOT ONLY GRAZED ME! GOT TO FIND THE SHERIFF, PRONTO!

MINE



OF COURSE I'M SURE IT WAS HIM! I SAW HIS FACE AS PLAINLY AS I'M SEEIN' YOURS, NOW!



HE SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO FIND, SINCE HE PROBABLY THINKS YOU'RE DEAD AND NO ONE CAN TELL ON HIM!

IF YOU LIKE, SHERIFF, I'LL GO ALONG WITH YOU...

COME ON, LASH! NO ONE IN HIS RIGHT MIND WOULD REFUSE YOURE HELP WHEN GOIN' AFTER A BANDIT!



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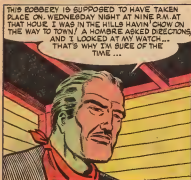
GET UP, RAT! HILTON SAYS YOU STOLE HIS PAYROLL AND SHOT HIM! YOU'RE GOING TO JAIL!

THAT'S A LIE! I'M INNOCENT!



LATER, AT THE TRIAL...
IF I'M GUILTY, YOUR HONOR, HOW COME NOBODY FOUND THE STOLEN MONEY ON ME WHEN THEY CAUGHT ME?

YUH HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO HIDE IT AFTER YUH LEFT ME FEE DEAD, YUH SIDEWINDER!



THIS ROBBERY IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT NINE P.M. AT THAT HOUR I WAS IN THE HILLS HAVIN' CHOW ON THE WAY TO TOWN! A HOMBRE ASKED DIRECTIONS AND I LOOKED AT MY WATCH... THAT'S WHY I'M SURE OF THE TIME...



WHERE IS THIS MAN, NOW?

I'M AFRAID I DON'T KNOW YOUR HONOR! HE WAS A STRANGER!



AND WHEN THE JURY RETURNS WITH A VERDICT...

GUILTY! I'D FEEL BETTER IF I COULD GET THE MONEY BACK! IT'S GONNA BE MIGHTY HARD TO REPLACE THAT PAYROLL!



BUT I RECKON I'LL NEVER SEE IT AGAIN! HE EITHER HID IT, OR PASSED IT ON TO SOMEBODY ELSE!

THE LAW NEVER GIVES UP, HILTON! NEITHER SHOULD YOU!



A FEW DAYS LATER, IN A HILLSIDE VALLEY RESTAURANT...
YOU'VE BEEN STARING AT THE SAME PAGE FOR TWENTY MINUTES, SMITH! YOUR FOOD'S GETTING COLD...

HUH? OH... JUST GOT SORTA INTERESTED IN A STORY!

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TWENTY THOUSAND! I'D SURE LIKE TO GET MY HANDS ON IT... AND MAYBE I KNOW A WAY TO DO IT! I'LL JUST CLOSE MY SHOP FER A COUPLE OF DAYS AND MOBEY OVER TO BLOODY GAP...



THE FOLLOWING DAY...

REPORT THAT I WAS THE STRANGER CAMEO JOE MET IN THE HILLS THE NIGHT OF THE ROBBERY!

SO, WHEN I SAW THIS ARTICLE I FELT IT WAS MY DUTY TO

IF THAT'S SO, I RECKON THIS CALLS FER A NEW TRIAL!



THE FACT THAT CAMEO JOE DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY WHEN I CAUGHT HIM... AND A STRANGER WITH NOTHING TO GAIN, CONFIRMED HIS STORY THAT HE WAS IN THE HILLS THE NIGHT OF THE ROBBERY... MEANS HE GOES FREE! YOU MUST HAVE BEEN INSTAKEN, HILTON!

BUT HOW? HE WAS AS CLOSE TO ME AS YOU ARE, LASH!



I CHECKED THE WITNESS AND HIS REPUTATION IS A -1 OVER IN HILLSIDE! ONLY WAY TO CONVINCE HILTON HE'S WRONG IS TO CATCH THE REAL BANDIT!

THAT'S GOING TO BE HARD TO DO! THERE'S NOTHING TO GO ON, AND NOWHERE TO START LOOKING...



I EXPECT YUH'LL WANT TO DO MORE FER ME THAN JUST OFFER YOUR HAND IN THANKS... SINCE WE BOTH KNOW I WAS LYING!

WE CAN'T TALK HERE! COME WITH ME...



I FIGGERED TO SHARE YOUR LOOT FER GETTIN' YUH OUT! WHAT DO YUH SAY?

I'LL DIVVY WITH YUH... THE LOOT'S BURIED, BUT I DON'T DARE GO AFTER IT! THEY'LL BE WATCHIN' ME!



THEY'RE NOT WATCHIN' ME! DRAW ME A MAP AND I'LL GET IT...

GOOD IDEA! THEN WE'LL MEET OVER IN HILLSIDE AND DIVVY UP!



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TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS! WHY SHOULD I SHARE IT WITH CAMEO... WITH THE LAW WATCHIN' HIM, HE WONT DARE COME AFTER IT! I'LL JUST HIGH-TAIL IT BACK TO HILLSIDE WITH ALL THE LOOT...



THAT NIGHT SMITHY DIGG UP THE LOOT...

WHILE AT BLOODY GAP...

THAT HOMBRE SHOULD'VE BEEN BACK LONG AGO! IF HE THINKS HE'S GONNA DOUBLE CROSS ME, HE'S GOT ANOTHER THINK COMIN'!



YOU'RE TAKIN' A MIGHTY ROUND ABOUT WAY TO BLOODY GAP, AINT YUH? FORK OVER THAT DOUGH OR I'LL BLAST YUH!



DON'T SHOOT, CAMEO!

HERE IT IS... JUST DON'T SHOOT!



BUT AS CAMEO JOE REACHES FOR THE MONEY, THE SMITHY BRINGS HIS MIGHTY HANDS UP...



THUD!

UGH!



DEAD! I... I DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL HIM! GOTTA GET OUTA HERE, PRONTO!



MEANWHILE, AT THE BLOODY GAP JAIL... WHERE YUH HEADIN' FER, LASH?



I RECKON I'LL JUST KEEP AN EYE ON CAMEO FOR A WHILE, SHERIFF!

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LASH FINDS CAMEO JOE'S BODY A FEW MILES FROM BLOODY GAD...
DEAD... LOOKS LIKE HE WAS BEATEN TO DEATH / MAYBE HE TRIED ANOTHER STICK UP... ON THE WRONG HOMBRE!



... BUT IF THAT'S SO, WHO EVER DID IT WILL REPORT THE ROBBERY ATTEMPT TO THE SHERIFF...



MOMENTS LATER...

NOPE, NOBODY'S REPORTED A KILLIN', LASH / MAYBE THEY WENT TO THE SHERIFF IN HILLSIDE VALLEY...

HAHA... MAYBE SO...



AS LASH SETS OUT FOR HILLSIDE VALLEY, THE SMITHY ARRIVES AT HIS SHOP...

HA, HA... WITH SMITHY GONE, I'VE REALLY HAD THE LIFE... HEY, SOMEONE'S RIDIN' UP / IF IT'S HIM...



IT IS! BETTER GET BACK UP TO THE ATTIC BEFORE HE CATCHES ME!



WOW! LOOK AT THAT DOUGH / HE'S HIDIN' IT UNDER THAT LOOSE PLANK / I'D LIKE TO GET ME HANDS ON IT, BUT IF HE EVER CAUGHT ME ...



RECKON I'D BETTER CLEAR OUTA HERE FER A SPELL / IF SMITHY FINDS HIS FOOD AND CIGARS GONE HE MIGHT LOOK UP HERE AND WITH ALL THAT DOUGH HID DOWN THERE HE'S LIABLE TO BE A BIT TOUCHY!



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A MOMENT LATER ...

NO KILLING REPORTED TO ME, LASH... BUT AINT THIS CAMEO JOE THE HOMBRE OUR LOCAL SMITHY SAVED WITH HIS TESTIMONY...?

THE SAME, SHERIFF... AND IF YOU DONT MIND, I THINK I'LL HANG AROUND HILLSIDE FOR A FEW DAYS IN CASE ANYTHING FURTHER DEVELOPS!

IF YUH'VE COME TO ASK AGAIN IF YUH CAN SLEEP IN MY ATTIC, SADDLE TRAMP, THE ANSWER IS STILL NO!

WE GOT SOMETHIN' MORE IMPORTANT THAN SLEEPIN' TO DISCUSS...AND DONT CALL ME NAMES!



YOU'RE GETTIN' PRETTY TOUGH ALL OF A SUDDEN, AINT YUH, CRISTER?

JUST GETTIN' SMART SMITHY! SMART ENOUGH TO REMEMBER WHERE YUH WERE LAST WEDNESDAY AT NINE O'CLOCK!

ACCORDING TO THE STORY YUH TOLD THE COURT, YUH SAW CAMEO JOE IN THE HILLS LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT...

SO WHAT?

I WAS IN YOUR ATTIC WEDNESDAY NIGHT, AND I KNOW YUH WERE EIGHT HERE ALL NIGHT! TODAY YUH DULLED IN HERE WITH A BIG ROLL OF GREEN BACKS! IT DONT TAKE NO GENIUS TO FIGURE...



...OUT YUH GAVE PHONY TESTIMONY FER A SHARE OF THE LOOT! ONLY YUH KILLED JOE AND KEPT IT ALL, SMITHY... AND ...

WHY, YOU...

...I'LL KILL YUH!

WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT I TOLD YUH IS IN A LETTER A FRIEND OF MINE'S GOT! ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME AND HE GIVES IT TO THE SHERIFF!



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I PUT SHOES ON RUSH A SHOOT WHILE AGO, LASH! DON'T TELL ME HE NEEDS NEW ONES ALREADY!

NO... YOU DID A GOOD JOB, SMITHY... AND IF YOU'D STUCK TO YOUR BUSINESS, I WOULDN'T BE HERE NOW...



I CAUGHT DRIFTER A WHILE AGO... AND HE SQUEALED! LET'S GO!



SAYS YOU!



THIS WHITE-HOT POKER'LL MAKE YUH SORRY YOU MESSED WITH ME, LARUE...

IF IT HITS ME, IT SURE WILL! BUT...



... I DON'T INTEND FOR IT TO HIT ME!



WITH THAT BULL WHIP OUTA THE WAY, I CAN HANDLE YUH EASY, LARUE...

UGH!



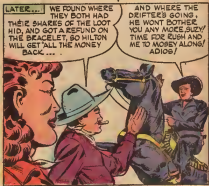
IN JUST A SECOND YOU'RE FIND IT MIGHTY HOT, SNOOPER!



BUT AS THE SMITHY TENDS TO HEAVE LASH INTO THE FIRE...



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"THE EAST GOES WEST"

A terrible crisis had come to the little Western town of Crestville. It had nothing to do with Indians. Chief Long Legs and his tribe had lived peacefully in the valley for the past four decades. Nor did it concern rustlers. It was the boast of the Bar H Ranch that their stock could go untended for months and nary a one would be missing. And it had nothing to do with bad men. They always steered clear of Crestville. But it did concern one Peter Gorman, born, bred and still living in the southern part of Hoboken, New Jersey.

The good folks of Crestville were gathered in the large living room of the Bar H Ranch. John Davis, owner of the spread and the leading citizen of the town, spoke to the assembled group.

"You all know why we are here," he began. "Through no fault of our own, Crestville has become famous in Western literature. May the remains of the great bard, Shakespeare, forgive me for using that term. Some five years ago, Mr. Peter Gorman began to write a long paper-covered story once a week for Hardley & Smith, the publishing firm in New York. Mr. Gorman had a wonderful imagination and a library full of Western books. Out of a clear sky he picked on a name — a name for a Western town full of bad men, gamblers, rustlers, killers, cheats, miners and lots of shooting. Just by pure, or impure coincidence, he used the name of Crestville.

"And so we have become fairly well known all over the world. From Australia to Sweden, from South Africa to China, wherever men read those stories of Gorman, we are a symbol of the West. Being fairly isolated, we have managed not to have visitors. The stage coach people cooperated with us to the fullest extent. There always was an accident when somebody we didn't want tried to visit us. But now we are going to be honored by Peter Gorman. In blood and flesh he is coming here. His publishers insist he see the town and write his best story. What do we do?"

Sheriff Ben Flogg was a practical man who had a lot of ideas inside his bald head. So he spoke what was on his mind.

"I don't think we can disappoint our beloved author. Why not give him back the type



of town he created? We can all turn actors for a week. And I am certain that, as amateur bad men, we could shoot up the town and kill each other. We can get blank cartridges for our guns. And Chief Long Legs will cooperate with us."

All eyes turned to the tall Indian, who sighed as he arose. For his heart was heavy.

"Woe to the white man who tells this creature from the East that I am a college-educated Redskin. My braves have read the stuff he turns out. If that is his conception of Indians, so that is just what we will be. Don't worry. We'll give him something to raise his scalp."

There was delightful feminine laughter in the room. Pretty Joan Davis had a remark to add.

"I understand that Mr. Peter Gorman has a wife and seven children to support. Put me down for the part of Tough Gal Joan. If I don't shock Mr. Peter Gorman, then I will demand back my tuition from the theatrical school I attended in St. Louis."

The stage coach stopped outside Hiram's Hardware and Feed Store. There was a large banner stretched across the street from Hiram's Hardware and Feed Store to Sam's Saloon. On the banner were the simple words:

"Crestville Welcomes Peter Gorman."

The stage coach door opened, and the single passenger alighted. He was a man in his late twenties, wore no hat, had bushy brown hair, was very thin and wore a pair of eyeglasses.

"Mr. Peter Gorman, I presume," said John Davis, who had read all about Livingston and Stanley in Darkest Africa.

"The same in person," was the reply.

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The guest and his luggage were transferred to a buckboard, and soon they were on their way to the Bar H Ranch. They were a half hour away from town when six Redskins appeared on the horizon.

"If we don't beat them to my ranch, they will scalp us," wailed Mr. Davis. "Chief Long Legs has been after me for a long time."

Suddenly Mr. Peter Gorman grabbed the reins from the driver and brought the buckboard to a halt.

"I'll show you how to handle Indians," he said, "Just let them catch up with us."

Chief Long Legs was puzzled as what to do. He and his braves cautiously approached the buckboard and shouted to the two men to surrender.

"Don't be fools," snapped back Mr. Peter Gorman. "I'm the best shot in the entire West. Just watch me."

He took a silver dollar from his pocket and threw it up in the air. Before it came down, a blazing colt in his right hand had plugged it twice.

"I could kill every one of your bad Redskins," he warned in a serious tone of voice. "Go back to your reservation and be good."

"Thank you, great man who can shoot dollars," replied Chief Long Legs. "Never again shall we try to harm anyone."

And with those words the Redskins rode away. The day was saved, and John Davis breathed freely. As he neared the ranch he asked the question that was bothering him.

"Where did you learn such shooting?"

"I worked in a shooting gallery in an amusement park," was the reply. "And you haven't seen anything yet. I can stand on my head and do the same trick — even with one eye closed."

When the wagon approached the ranch, a group of shooting cowboys welcomed their honored guest.

"If they are using real bullets," warned Peter Gorman, "they might hurt themselves. If they are using blanks, just a sheer waste of good money."

That night there was a real outdoor party for the man who had made Crestville famous. Tough Gal Joan played her part. Her favorite horse was brought from the corral.

"The man who can ride Limber gets my heart," she said. "But if he fails, he must be hung from the nearest tree."

Limber was a smart horse. He only allowed his mistress to sit on his back. And he had unseated every cowboy around the ranch who had ever tried to ride him.

"A silly challenge," commented Peter Gorman. "You certainly are a beautiful girl. You act as though you once took some kind of

lessons. I'll ride that horse."

Peter Gorman took some sugar from his pocket and fed Limber. Then he mounted the horse. Limber bucked and did everything horses knew about unseating riders. But it didn't work. Somehow this particular rider knew more tricks than the horse. So the horse gave up and became gentle as a lamb.

"This I can't believe," shouted Dan Halliday, foreman of the ranch. "How did he do it?"

"I rode horses in an amusement park," explained Peter Gorman. "And I even spent a year as a circus rider. Some day when I have time, I'll teach you fellows a couple of stunts we know back in the East."

There were only two people absent from the celebration. One was Sam Hitchman, owner of Sam's Saloon. The other was his pal, Lou Gerry.

"We could rob the bank and be rich for the rest of our lives," said Lou Gerry. "You could blast open that safe with plain black powder."

"What are we waiting for?" snapped back Sam. "I'm sick and tired of this here town. Makes believe it is nice and gentle. We can be across the border before morning."

There was an explosion that took off half of the bank's roof. Sam used too much powder. But the two crooks got their loot and were soon on their mounts. Sheriff Ben Flagg had left the celebration early and heard the noise. He raced back into town and took one look at the bank. Then he headed for the ranch to raise a posse.

"Relax Sheriff," remarked Banker Willard Downer. "Those crooks will get a shock of their lives. The bundles of money they took were only Confederate money."

"I don't get it," complained the sheriff. "Where is the money from the bank?"

"In another place," replied the banker. "Mr. Gorman really owns the bank. He has been investing all his money in it. He gave me the idea of having a secret safe. It's from one of his stories."

Joan went up to Peter Gorman and gave him a piece of her mind.

"The West needs a man like you. But you'll have to return back East. That wife and those children of yours need you."

"I'm a bachelor," shot back Peter Gorman. "That wife and kid routine was an invention of my press agent to keep dames away from me. This is where I'm going to settle. And I like you very much."

Finishing those words, he took Joan in his arms and kissed her. Being a wise gal of the West, she knew resistance was useless. They both ignored the bullets and cheers of all the cowboys.

The End

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DEE DICKENS

IN

A
DOG'S
LIFE

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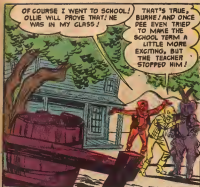
HEY! DEE DICKENS! WHAT
ARE YUH AND OLLIE BATTLING
ABOUT?



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"Lash" LARUE

in "THE STOLEN MAP."

AS A ROVING MARSHAL WHOSE IDENTITY FOR THE MOST PART IS UNKNOWN, LASH LARUE IS CALLED UPON TO PLAY MANY STRANGE PARTS IN HIS UNENDING BATTLE AGAINST OUTLAWS. BUT NONE OF THE PARTS WERE AS STRANGE OR AS DANGEROUS AS THE ONE HE HAS TO PLAY IN "DEATH ON THE STAGE."

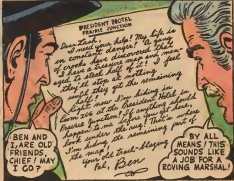


AT THE CHIEF MARSHAL'S OFFICE...



THIS NOTE CAME FOR YOU, LASH!

FOR ME? LET'S SEE WHAT IT SAYS!



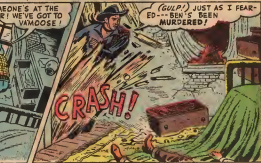
PRESIDENT HOTEL
FRANK JUNCTION

Dear Lash,
I need your help! My life is in constant danger! A gang of crooks have discovered that I have a treasure map and mean to steal it! I feel they'll stop at nothing until they get the remaining half!
Right now I'm hiding in Room 206 at the President Hotel in Frank Junction! If anything should happen to me before you get here, look under the rug! That's where I'm hiding the remaining part of the map, your old trail-blazing pal, Ben

BEN AND I ARE OLD FRIENDS, CHIEF! MAY I GO?

BY ALL MEANS! THIS SOUNDS LIKE A JOB FOR A ROVING MARSHAL!

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SHORTLY AFTER---

HEY! THIS ISN'T YORE DRESSING ROOM, MAC BETH! IT'S BILL BROWN'S, THE HOMBRE WHO PLAYS THE GAMBLER!

I KNOW THAT!



---AND THERE'S THE GUN WE USES TO SHOOT LASH AT THE END OF THE ACT! NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SUBSTITUTE REAL BULLETS FOR THE BLANKS!

YUH MEAN WHEN BROWN SHOOTS HIM IN THE PLAY, WE'LL ACTUALLY KILL HIM?



CORRECT, HEDSTRONG! AND AS SOON AS BROWN RUSHES OFF STAGE AS HIS PART CALLS FOR, WE'LL RUSH ON AND GRAB THE OTHER HALF OF THE MAP OUT OF LASH'S POCKET BEFORE ANYONE DISCOVERS THAT HE'S REALLY DEAD!

AND WHEN THEY DO, THEY'LL BLAME THE MURDER ON BROWN!



NOW LET'S GET OUT OF THE THEATRE BEFORE ANYONE COMES BACK AND STARTS WONDERING WHY WE WERE HANGING AROUND!



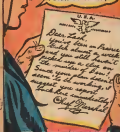
AT THE SAME TIME ---

THIS LETTER JUST CAME FOR YOU, LASH!

THANKS! I SEE IT'S FROM THE CHIEF MARSHAL'S OFFICE. I'D BETTER OPEN IT IMMEDIATELY!



OH, OH! IT SOUNDS AS IF THE OLD BOY'S ANGRY! I'D BETTER HEAD RIGHT BACK, BUT FIRST I'LL HAVE TO TELL MAC BETH THAT I CAN'T PERFORM TONIGHT!



BUT WHEN LASH REACHES THE THEATRE ---

SHUCKS! NO ONE'S AROUND! SINCE I CAN'T WAIT, I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE A NOTE, FOR MAC. MAYBE I CAN FIND A PIECE OF PAPER TO WRITE ON IN THE WASTE BASKET!



WHAT'S THIS?



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WHY, THIS IS PART OF THE ENVELOPE IN WHICH BEN KEPT HIS MAP! THIS SHOULD MEAN THAT SOMEONE IN THIS THEATRE HAS THE MISSING SECTION AND IS THE KILLER I'M LOOKING FOR!



---BUT THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE CAST, IT'D BE HARD TO GUESS WHICH ONE! THE GUILTY PARTY IS PROBABLY COUNTING ON CATCHING ME OFF GUARD AND THEN STEALING THE MAP! IT LOOKS AS IF I'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH WITH MY PART TONIGHT, IF I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHO THE VARMINT IS!



LASH FITS HIS HALF OF THE MISSING ENVELOPE TOGETHER WITH THE ONE HE FOUND AND DISCOVERS THEY MATCH!

THAT NIGHT, AS THE PLAY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN---

OKAY! THAT'S YOUR CUE! GET ON STAGE, THE TWO OF YOU!



OOPS! I'M SORRY!



I'LL GET YOUR GUN FOR YOU!



DON'T WORRY, LASH! EVERYONE GETS STAGE FRIGHT WHEN THE CURTAIN GOES UP! BUT AS SOON AS YOU SPEAK YOUR FIRST LINE, YOU'LL FORGET ABOUT BEING NERVOUS!

I HOPE SO!



LASH GIVES A FINE PERFORMANCE! FINALLY, THE CLIMAX IS REACHED--

UGH! NO ONE MAKES A FOOL OF ME! TAKE THAT!



WOW! THAT SURE WAS EXCITING!



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MEANWHILE, BACK STAGE---

NOW TO GO THROUGH HIS POCKETS BEFORE ANYONE DISCOVERS THAT LASH IS REALLY DEAD!



SO YOU'RE THE GUILTY PARTY!

(GULP!) BUT I THOUGHT--- ER--



YOU THOUGHT I WAS DEAD! BUT SINCE I DIDN'T KNOW WHO THE KILLER WAS, I DIDN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES! THE REASON I KNOCKED BROWN'S GUN DOWN BEFORE GOING ON STAGE---



---WAS BECAUSE I FIGURED THAT THE EASIEST WAY FOR THE KILLER TO GET RID OF ME WAS BY SUBSTITUTING REAL BULLETS FOR THE BLANKS! ALL I DID WAS TO SUBSTITUTE REAL BULLETS FOR THE REAL BLANKS! YOU MIGHT AS WELL CONFESS, MAC BETH, WHERE'S THE OTHER HALF OF THE TREASURE MAP?



BUT AT THAT SECOND---

I FIGURED THAT SAND BAG WOULD TAKE CARE OF HIM!



GOOD WORK! NOW LET'S GET THE MISSING PART OF THE MAP OUT OF HIS POCKET AND VAMOOSE!



BUT AS THE VILLAINS RUSH OFF WITH THE MISSING PART OF THE MAP---

(GULP!) I KNOCKED OVER THE PAIL!

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE! LET'S GO!



BUT IT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE BECAUSE THE PAIL OF WATER OVERTURNS ON THE UNCONSCIOUS LASH---

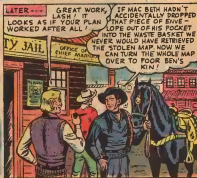
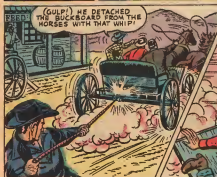


AND IT REVIVES HIM---

OH, MY HEAD! BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO THINK OF THAT!



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Now! The Amazing Facts about

BALDNESS

...AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT



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There are six principal types of hair loss, or alopecia, as it is known in medical terms:

1. Alopecia from damage of the scalp
2. Alopecia from other diseases or from an improper functioning of the body
3. Alopecia of the scalp (female baldness)
4. Alopecia areata (loss of hair in patches)
5. Alopecia of the scalp (anatomical baldness)
6. Alopecia of the scalp (congenital baldness)

Scalp, prostate and congenital alopecia cannot be helped by anything now known in modern science. Alopecia from improper functioning of the body requires the advice and treatment of your family physician.

BUT MANY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES NOW BELIEVE A SPECIFIC SCALP DISEASE IS THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF HAIR LOSS.

This disease is called Seborrhea and can be broadly classified into two distinct forms with the following symptoms:

1. **DRY SEBORRHEA:** The hair is dry, lifeless, and without gloss. At dry hair develops a scaly growth with accompanying itching and this hair is breakable and comes out with the progress of this disease.

2. **OILY SEBORRHEA:** The hair and scalp are oily and greasy. The hair is slightly sticky to the touch and has a tendency to mat together. Gradually when the roots of hair weaken, hair is usually oily, thin and a mass with baldness at the end result.

Many doctors agree that in NEGLIGENT these symptoms of DRY and OILY SEBORRHEA is a sure sign of BALDNESS.

Seborrhea is believed to be caused by three main organisms - *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pythium* and *Trichophyton*.

These germs attack the sebaceous gland causing an abnormal working of this gland. The hair follicle, completely surrounded by the enlarged diseased sebaceous gland, then begins to atrophy. The hair produced becomes weaker and less and less until the hair follicle dies. Baldness is the inevitable result. (See illustration.)

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Caused by Seborrhea

A - Bald, Balding B - Hair-destroying bacteria C - Microscopic enlargement of glands D - Alopecia patches

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